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NONTRADITIONAL ICONS ON EXHIBIT AT UD'S MARIAN LIBRARY

DAYTON, Ohio — Plaques and photographs of icons and images by artist Robert Lentz will be featured from July 6 to Aug. 27 in the lobby of the Marian Library at the University of Dayton. Admission is free and open to the public, and exhibit hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Lentz, whose Russian Orthodox background and studies with a master iconographer led him to paint icons, blends classical and contemporary influences in his pieces. He uses English and inclusive language on his icons and portrays subjects who have not officially been recognized as saints.

He sees in "the spirit and beauty of the icon the expression of a common ground between spirituality, justice and a love of creation." He believes that the "painter must be in touch with the divine mystery for the painting to have soul."

Now living in New Mexico, Lentz spent 10 years with Franciscan friars in Detroit. He lived for a number of years as a hermit in the mountains of Colorado and studied art in an Eastern Orthodox monastery in Boston.

The Marian Library, located on the seventh floor of the Roesch Library at UD, is the world's largest and most comprehensive collection of printed materials on Mary. It was established in 1943 and holds more than 85,000 books and pamphlets in 50 languages ranging from the 15th century to the present.

For more information, call the Marian Library at (513) 229-4214.